



Minutes of the Leicester-Gondar Executive Group Meeting held on 9th November 2017, 5pm

Attendees: Heather Dipple (Chair) Mike Silverman
Peter Houtman Jack Hunter (Leicester De Montfort Rotary Club)
Kathy Astbury

1. **Apologies:** Nick Brown, Sandra Kemp, Richard Power, Laurence Wicks, Christine Iliffe, Steve Hardy, Geoff Woodruff, Ash Mokashi, Barrie Rathbone, Carol Greenway, Dan Rogers, Mark Goodwin, Doug Tincello, Jan Moore
2. **Minutes from the meeting held 3rd July 2017** were agreed as a true record
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - Grant Updates – Mike has arranged to discuss possible future grant applications with Christine for her Kolladiba / Community Centre project
4. **Administration:**

Business Visa Applications (HD) – A letter has been sent to the Ethiopian Embassy London seeking clarification concerning the requirement of tourist or business visas for LGL/HALE visitors to Gondar. **ACTION – Kathy to inform Heather of the Ethiopian Embassy London’s response**
5. **Project Updates: 3rd July 2017 – 9th November 2017**

ACTION - Members are asked to confirm which projects are currently ‘Active’

 - Mental Health (Heather Dipple / Lynn Wroe) (*Project Reporting Form information below/Verbal update provided, to be shared with HALE Trustees 30th November 2017*)

Activity :

- No visits undertaken during this period. Decision taken to focus on fundraising specifically to raise funds for vehicle to enable the growth and maintenance of a much needed community focused mental health service.
- Researching appropriate vehicles for the Community Mental Health Outreach Project which will be maintained locally.
- Planning fundraising events 1st December Xmas Pub Quiz, Jan/Feb Curry Night (date to be confirmed).
- Heather D has met with Etwall and Derby Rotary Club who have agreed to donate a sum of up to £3000 which should be available January 2018 for the Mental Health vehicle. Aim is to purchase vehicle by February 2018.
- We have a signed agreement from Gondar University and Hospital to cover all costs once the vehicle gets to Djibouti, so this will be a sustainable project.

Issues for Discussion : Applied for financial support from HALE's unrestricted funds to secure money for the vehicle, awaiting formal agreement

- Kolladiba Health Centre Development Project (Christine Iliffe) (*Project Reporting Form information below, to be shared with HALE Trustees 30th November 2017*)

Activity :

- The project has been successful at the health centres with 1,300 pregnant women attending antenatal clinics. All the women were tested for HIV, Syphilis, haemoglobin estimation, urinalysis, and blood group and received a full antenatal care from the midwives following the WHO guidelines. Following all these women through their pregnancy, we have seen an increase in women delivering at the health centres and attending postnatal checks. Therefore, we are expecting to see an improvement in the number of maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity rates in these areas.
- During my visit in October 2017, orientation took place at the final five health centres at Gerarge, Ayamba, Chuite, Abreja and Guramba. These five health centres will follow the same guidelines as the first group of health centres, we expect to finish the project in the New Year, and we will continue to follow all the women in this study group to delivery.
- Dembia Woreda are very pleased with the progress of our project and are very happy to work together with us to make this sustainable. All the data will be entered, collected, and analysed by the Public Health department in Gondar and a report will be made available to the Area Health Bureau in Barhir Dah in the New Year.

Issues for Discussion : None

- LGOP / Orthopaedic Operating Room, Gondar & Trauma Management (Laurence Wicks / Richard Power) (*Project Reporting Form information below, to be shared with HALE Trustees 30th November 2017*)

Activity :

- The Leicester-Gondar-Orthopaedic-Project (www.lgop.org) has been established in the last year, after initial visits and investigations made by Laurence Wicks in the preceding years. Richard Power and Alwyn Abraham have been

instrumental in now turning this into a project with more widespread departmental support in Leicester.

- **Current plans:**

Phase One: The first priority is to establish a facility to be able to carry out basic, safe trauma surgery. The current Operating Block built in the 1930's is currently being structurally refurbished and a commitment has been made by GUH to give one of those theatres over to a dedicated Orthopaedic Trauma facility. Equipping the theatre it is estimated will cost £100-150k. This work will be carried out by Medical Aid International

Phase Two: Once the Operating facility is in place the plan is develop a regular programme of visiting Medical, Nursing and other ancillary staff to help the local clinical teams develop their own services. It is hoped that in due time they will be able to set up their own training programme supported by UHL. Initially we aim to have three trips per year to provide appropriate training.

Visits undertaken in past year:

- Laurence Wicks and Richard Power: November 2016 (in Addis only, but meeting with Dr Mensur and Dr Annisa)
- Alwyn Abraham, Richard Power, Tricia Allen and Dean Birch: March 2017
- Richard Power: September 2017

Planned visits:

- Alwyn Abraham: November 2017
- Richard Power: November 2017
- Laurence Wicks: January 2018

- **Current tasks:**

Richard Power is in the process of completing a memorandum of understanding, between all relevant groups, which he plans to get signed off on his visit in November

In addition Richard is leading the fundraising effort, in collaboration with Rotary Leicester, to fully equip a dedicated orthopaedic operating theatre. As part of this, Richard is working his way through the paperwork to complete an application for Rotary international to match any fundraising that is generated locally

Various fundraising efforts, including Richard Power running the Great Ethiopian Run in November 2017!

Issues for Discussion : None

- Ophthalmology (Geoff Woodruff) (*Project Reporting Form information below, to be shared with HALE Trustees 30th November 2017*)

Activity :

- Dr Mulusew, Clare Gilbert from LSHTM (London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine), and I have submitted to the British Journal of Ophthalmology the paper: **Outcome of paediatric cataract surgery in Northwest Ethiopia: a retrospective case series**. This concerns 142 children operated in Gondar. This is approximately the number of cases done per year in the UK. Paper

available on the Leicester-Gondar Link website,

<https://www2.le.ac.uk/institution/gondar-information-hub> - Publication Files.

- A visit is planned for December 2017 instead of May 2016.

Issues for Discussion : None

6. Fundraising Plans & Events:

- Jazz Event – 21st October 2017 (PH). Event raised £316 for HALE (Unrestricted account)
- Mental Health Pub Quiz / Supper Event – 1st December 2017 (HD/LW). To raise funds to purchase a vehicle to be used to increase community access to mental health services in Gondar.
- Great Ethiopia Run, 10k. Richard Power will be running the GER on November 26th as part of the Leicester Gondar Orthopaedic Partnership (www.lgop.org) to raise money to purchase equipment required for an Orthopaedic Operating Theatre in Gondar (information attached). Richard can be sponsored at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-power-greatethiopianrun>

ACTION – Kathy to circulate link of Charity Directory to assist LGL members / Project Leads when applying for external grants. COMPLETED – Charity Choice - <http://www.charitychoice.co.uk/>

ACTION – Kathy to research possible external grant awarding bodies and circulate to members

7. Finance Report:

Kathy informed members that HALE/LGL Unrestricted funds currently stand at £12k.

Peter informed members HALE accounts 2016-2017 have been audited and signed off for submission to the Charity Commission. For accounts under £25k there will be no further CC scrutiny.

Member/Project Leads access to HALE Unrestricted Funds – Document discussed, amendments to be made and forwarded to HALE Trustees Board (30th November) for approval.

Kathy asked members to consider registering with www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ / www.giveasyoulive.com to raise money for HALE through personal online shopping.

8. Any Other Business:

- Celebration meal (HD/MS) – **ACTION – Kathy to organise a fundraising curry night at the Chef and Spice for friends and family February/March 2018 (Monday night)**

- LGL Newsletter - **ACTION** – Kathy to seek articles from members and draft LGL Newsletter (January 2018)
- LGL Website – **ACTION** – Project leads to forward project updates for publication on the LGL website (<https://www2.le.ac.uk/institution/gondar-information-hub/projects>)

9. **Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 15th March 2018, 5pm
Training Room 2, Clinical Education Centre,
Jarvis Building, LRI